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Registration Record Set at L.A.

Registration at the 13th semi-annual CSNA convention, Los Angeles, Oct. 22-25, totaled 203, a record. The banquet was attended by 172 and the luncheon by 110.

L. C. Panosh was master of ceremonies at the banquet; Abe Kosoff, at the luncheon.

General Chairman George Bennett was ably assisted by John Yribarne, assistant chairman; Robert Williams, Alhambra, exhibits chairman; Joe Block, bourse chairman; John E. Ohls, awards chairman; E. K. Stanton, forum chairman; Mrs. Grace Brainard and Mrs. Thelma Case, reception committee; R. G. McArthur, registration chairman, and others.

NUMISMATIC FORUM

Chairs were at a premium Oct. 22 when four addresses were ably presented by Dr. Alberto F. Pradeau, Earle K. Stanton, Thomas W. Ward, and Bryan Burke, Jr. Their subjects were "The Four Republics of Mexico", "Cleopatra, a Numismatic Romance", "Republican Denarii of Rome", and "Early Coin Collectors", respectively. These speeches will be printed in **Calcoin News.**

RESOLUTIONS

Christian Petersen, resolutions committee chairman, presented five resolutions, all voted affirmatively by the association. Among them was a resolution that the CSNA endorse and render assistance in bringing out a half dollar to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the "S" mint.

For the efficiency of their work, George Bennett, general chairman; Dr. N. A. Bowers, president; R. G. McArthur, secretary-treasurer; Leonel Panosh, acting editor of **Calcoin News** during the absence of C. V. Kappen, and other officers and directors were commended, as were all who participated in the L.A. convention.

SPRING CONVENTION, 1954

John Ohls, vice-president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, extended an invitation to the next state convention, to be held April 22-25 in the Hotel Bellvue, San Francisco. Focal point of the meeting there will be the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco mint. "The best CSNA convention ever held" was promised. Ohls said plenty of space is available, with all activities located conveniently close to one another.

AUCTION for the San Francisco CSNA convention has been awarded to Leo A. Young and Earl A. Parker, who have set a Jan. 1 deadline for consignments. Write Leo A. Young, P.O. Box 115, Lockeford, Calif., if you have coins to place in the auction sale.

FALL CONVENTION, 1954

The Old Mission Inn, Riverside, will be headquarters for the Oct. 20-

Color Slides of Bible Coins Now Available

What is believed to be the first set of coin slides of any type ever offered to the general public has been produced and sets, as well as individual slides, now are available.

G. R. Halliday, author of the brochure, "Money Talks about the Bible", in cooperation with Fred Visser Co., manufacturer of 2x2 natural color transparencies, announces that most of the coins illustrated in his booklet have been reproduced in the set.

These full-color slides of Biblical and related money include coins of Aegina, Athens, Corinth, Persia, Israel half shekel and shekels, Philip II of Macedonia, Antiochus IV "Epiphanes" of Syria, Alexander the Great, Ptolemy, Augustus, Tiberius, Alexander Jannaeus, Herod the Great mites, Pontius Pilate farthing, Tyre, Antioch (of the type paid to Judas for the betrayal), Vespasian (Judaea Capta), Israel (second revolt), and Magnentius (showing labarum with Christian monogram).

A set of 30 slides, mounted in cardboard, is priced at $7.50. Individual slides may be purchased for 50 cents each. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to Visserslides, 234 N. Juanita Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif.

24, 1954, CSNA convention. Hotel rates will be $6 to $8, singles and $10 to $12, doubles. The Orange County Coin Club will be convention host. **Dealers, attention:** Bids for the Riverside auction are now being accepted by R. G. McArthur, secretary, 2419 Humboldt Ave., Oakland 1, Calif. Any dealer-member, in or out of the state, is eligible to submit a bid.

BOURSE DEALERS

Dealer support, through purchase of bourse space and auction rights, is the lifeblood of the CSNA convention. It has been observed in the past that some few regular and vest-pocket dealers have taken "free rides" by using convention facilities without buying space.

These persons are asked to use their own hotel rooms for sales-rooms in the future. They should not place the sergeant-at-arms in the embarrassing situation of having to ask them to do so. Most collectors are, to some extent, vest-pocket dealers, but should respect the exclusive rights of the paying dealers to the bourse room.

At Los Angeles, 20 dealers purchased $15 spaces. They are: Del Bassetti, San Luis Obispo; Joe Block, Los Angeles; Karl Brainard, Santa Monica; Edward H. Fish, Fresno; Edward Fogler, Oakland; Oscar D. Fulton, Tucson, Ariz.; Ed Gans, Berkeley; Godbey's, Oakland; Frank P. Hernandez, El Cajon; W. E. Johnson, Santa Barbara.

Eugene D. Johnston, San Diego; Charles Jones, Los Angeles; Max Justus, Beverly Hills; Kenneth Lee, Glendale; George A. Lefler, Temple City; Numismatic Gallery, Beverly Hills; Earl A. Parker, San Francisco; William J. Sexton, Santa Maria; Dr. Bruce Wallace, San Diego; and Leo A. Young, Lockeford. Joe Block was bourse chairman.

OUT-OF-STATERS

Members and visitors from out of state were introduced at the Saturday banquet. Present were B. A. Brown, Fallon, Nev.; Al Crites, Reno, Nev.; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Fulton, Tucson, Ariz.; E. R. Gunter, Tucson, Ariz.; Christian and daughter, Karen Petersen, Chehalis, Wash.; M. Vernon and Marcella Sheldon, Chicago, Ill.; Norman Shultz, Tucson, Ariz.; Frank Smith, Tucson, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Yeoman, Racine, Wis.; and Fred M. Zastrow, Salt Lake City, Utah. M. Vernon Sheldon is a past-president of the ANA; Chris Peterson is a recently-elected member of the ANA board.

EAST BAY 'COINIVAL'

R. G. McArthur, CSNA secretary, invited all state members to attend the East Bay Coin Club's "Coinival" Nov. 15 at the Oakland Boys' Club, Market at 24th Sts., Oakland, noon to 9 p.m. Displays, auction, entertainment and food were promised.

HEAD TABLE, left to right: C. V. Kappen, CSNA director and editor, Calcoin News; Dr. N. A. Bowers, CSNA president; Stewart Bingham, CSNA librarian-curator; L. C. Panosh, CSNA director and 1st vice-president, ANA; Dr. C. L. Emmons, CSNA director; George Bennett, president, Los Angeles Coin Club and convention general chairman; R. G. McArthur, CSNA secretary-treasurer.

Exhibits Total 29 at Los Angeles

Descriptions by Thomas W. Ward and Roy Hill

GEORGE BENNETT: Mining documents of the Comstock Lode, such as mine maps, certificates, ore receipts, and checks.

EARL C. BROWN: Examples of coins of many sizes, shapes, and materials — large, small, thick, thin, square, oval, octagonal, scalloped, in segments, slices, etc.; recent coin sets of numerous foreign countries; coins and medals of Queen Elizabeth II. **(First award for coins of more than one country.)**

ED BUSSE, JR.: Indian and Lincoln cents; buffalo nickels.

MICHAEL P. CAREY: Roman imperial bronze portrait coins. **(Second award for ancient coins.)**

MRS. THELMA CASE: Coins and currency of 1917.

ALAN D. CRAIG: Korean bronze 5-fun pieces, including an intact roll; uncirculated, pattern, and essay pieces of Korea.

HARRY DAVIDSON: U.S. gold type set, complete.

VREELAND H. FRASER: U.S. coin sets. **(First award for U.S. coins.)**

R. J. FROST: Gold type set; $2½ gold pieces; trade and Morgan dollars.

EDWARD GANS: "Coins of the Hellenistic World" — silver portrait coins of Alexander the Great and his successors.

OLIVER GARRETSON: Gold type set; U.S. and British proofs; Spanish silver.

JOSEPH S. GRANT: Gold types; $20 gold pieces, including St. Gaudens types 4, 5, and 6; a stella; Hawaiian coins, including proofs and patterns. **(Second award for U.S. coins.)**

DR. CHARLES HARBECK: Coins of the Middle Ages, 500 to 1453 A.D., chiefly European silver, but including some Moslem pieces. **(First award for medieval coins.)**

ROY HILL: Private and governmental issues of Greenland; paper money of Greenland and Finland. **(Second award for specialized collection.)**

H. R. HILTON: Various U.S. coins set in red, white, and blue plastic and arranged in the form of a U.S. flag, 30 by 50 inches.

FRANCIS S. JONES: Types of U.S. dollars, half dollars, and dimes.

WILLIAM D. KOONCE: "Orders of Chivalry" — breast badges of many foreign orders; foreign medals; a highly ornamented German sword. **(First award for medals and decorations.)**

ATWOOD MacDONALD: Coins recovered from the cornerstone of the Children's Hospital, San Diego. Face value $5.91, now worth $66.90.

HAROLD W. McBRIDE: "Parthia, a Forgotten Empire" — Parthian coins, well written up, with a map showing the Parthian Kingdom at different periods. **(First award for ancient coins.)**

MRS. ANNA MERLE PANOSH: Foreign orders and decorations.

JOHN C. POOS: Proof sets; Lincoln cents. **(First award for Junior exhibit.)**

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB: Greek bronzes and silver; Roman aes grave (early cast bronze coins) and Roman imperial portrait bronzes; imperial silver denarii. Eight members exhibited as a club.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM H. SPENCE: U.S. coins. **(First award for novice collection.)**

MILTON C. STRAUCH: Coins of Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, and Belgian Congo; large series of Netherlands siege pieces. **(First award for specialized collection.)**

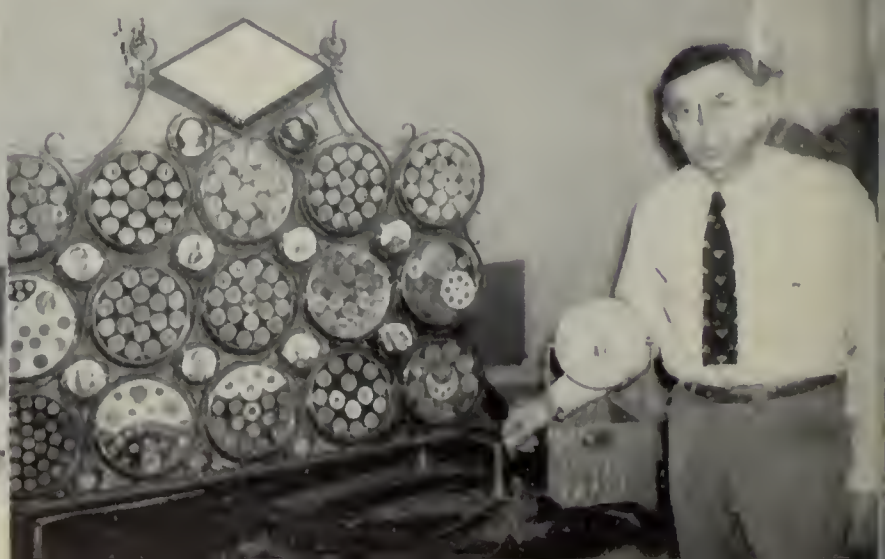
ARTHUR J. VIGNEAULT: U.S. commemorative half dollars.

DR. BRUCE L. WALLACE: Greek and Roman silver and bronze, chiefly Roman imperial portrait bronzes.

THOMAS W. WARD: Coins of the last years of the Roman republic.

ERICH WERLING: Russian coins of Catherine II, the Great, 1729-1796; coins of the Thirty Years War, 1618-48, including many siege pieces and other necessity money. **(First award for coins since medieval through 18th century.)**

FRED W. ZASTROW: Large and beautifully wrought iron stand, holding many reversible frames of coins.



Progress in Convention Planning

By DR. N. A. BOWERS, *President*

With 13 semi-annual conventions behind us and another now in the blueprint stage, we may well pause to take stock. Let's get a good perspective in this matter of planning a successful convention.

We know now what a successful convention can do for the individual member and for the Association; we have had enough experience, collectively, to know how to secure these benefits to best advantage and with a minimum of cost and effort. We have even written a compendium of the data and schemes that have been developed, carefully arranging this as a "Convention Check List" or reference work on the who, what, how and when essential to putting on a successful convention.

One major problem results from our custom of constant roving. We do not return to the same city a second time because we believe we can stimulate more interest in the local clubs and develop more executive ability by putting responsibility at each convention on a new set of committeemen. This is g o o d; it should be continued insofar as it is for the good of numismatics and develops leaders.

If we would make each CSNA convention "b e t t e r than the one preceding," h o w e v e r, we m u s t strengthen and improve our system. We've been leaving too much to chance. Our present situation might be likened to handing a fine cake recipe to someone who is without kitchen experience. The CSNA now has an excellent recipe for good conventions and we have persisted in putting it into the hands of new committeemen each time. One way to remedy this, and a plan we propose to try out at the next convention, will be to use an "umpire".

This title, of course, isn't important; call him anything that may be more appropriate so long as we put into operation a system that will accomplish two purposes, namely, 1) Keep local committees in line while they are doing their advance planning on convention details — see that all their moves, early and late, are in accord with the procedures set forth in the "Check List" and 2) Do all this so carefully, acting in an advisory capacity only, that there will not be the least insinuation that the local men are not entirely responsible. They must be assured that they are truly in charge and are to receive all the credit for whatever is accomplished.

By this plan it should be possible to bring to new, enthusiastic committeemen the stabilizing benefits of long experience and still leave with them full responsibility. This scheme gives committeemen the same opportunity as before — merely protects them (and the convention itself) from pitfalls and disappointments. Some CSNA official, well versed in convention requirements and resident in the area where a convention is being planned, can be selected to serve as "umpire".

A successful convention is the sum total of benefits that accrue from wisely-directed, careful planning. We know what we want and how to get it. It only remains to put the ingredients together properly. With the "Check List" w h i c h we now have, with the enthusiastic workers who seem ready to volunteer in every convention city and with a specially selected resident official (such as an "umpire") we are sure to keep our conventions on a high plane.

San Francisco committees already are at work on plans for the convention there in April, 1954. Following that, southern members, in planning the Old Mission Inn gathering for October, 1954, will try to surpass everything that has gone before. Surely these next two meetings will make history that no CSNA member will miss if he p o s s i b l y can be present.

CONVENTION PRIZE WINNERS

Big prize winner at the drawing was Mrs. W. E. Johnson, who took home an electric blanket. Guessing contest winner was Charles Colver and his prize a $5 gold piece. Louis Walrath was s e c o n d and Murray Sanger, third. Each won a $2.50 gold piece.

California Club News, Views, and Whos

EAST BAY COIN CLUB, Oakland. —Gilbert Eaton, president, welcomed 47 members and 17 guests to the Oct. 9 meeting in Jenny Lind Hall.

Charles L. Allan, seheduled speaker, was unable to attend. In his stead, four members gave brief talks.

Stanley Hawley spoke on aneient Greek coins of Ephesus, Miletus, Phoeaea, Lydia, Athens, and Gaul.

Roy Hill deseribed the minting of proof eoins at the Philadelphia mint. He also displayed "mad money" for traveling, Russian eoppers, and silver rubles and eoppers of Siberia.

Walter Ritchie displayed and diseussed Chinese paper money. He exhibited about 700 pieees, covering the period 1368 to 1950 A.D.

Fred Monteagle showed and talked on U.S. currency, directing his remarks partieularly to the Educational series.

Other exhibitors were Kenneth Allen, Clifford Bloom, C. R. Godbey, A. G. K. Jakobsen, John E. Ohls, E. A. Parker, Arnold Rosing, James Todorovic, and Erich Werling. Todorovic exhibited a 1728 Russian 1-kopeck, having St. George with his spear (kopea) on obverse. This was the origin of the word "kopeck".

Members were saddened by annouuceement of the death of Myron W. Mountjoy, treasurer. Mr. Mountjoy was a eharter member of the club and a most gracious and ardent worker.

Walter Ritchie, general chairman of the East Bay Coin Club "Coinival" to be held Nov. 15 at the Boys' Club, Market at 24th Sts., Oakland, extended an invitation for all members and guests to attend.

President Eaton appointed the following nominating committee: S. S. Hawley, Don Crosman, and Walter Fieberling.

Mr. and Mrs. Godbey donated another book, **Handbook of United States Coins,** 11th edition, to the library, and received the thanks of the elub.

The following applications for membership were received: Mrs. Doris Wharton, 422 49th St., Oakland, and Mrs. Ella Restos, 5216 Miles Ave., Oakland.

The auction of 39 lots was handled with usual dispatch by Earl A. Parker. Refreshments were served.

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Fifty-six members and 16 guests attended the Sept. 11 meeting.

Edward Gans, new club member, spoke on "Odds and Ends of Ancient Coins."

Earl Parker and Ed Fogler reported on the ANA eonvention. Fogler brought back a new book entitled **Paper Money of the United States** by Robert Friedberg which he said was presented to our library by Paul and Art Kagin. Our thanks to them for this fine gift.

An invitation to visit the San Francisco mint was extended by the new mint superintendent, Ross P. Buell, through Vice-President Monteagle.

Exhibits, aeeompanied by brief talks, were made by Kenneth Allen, Clifford Bloom, Lee Bollinger, Sidney Haas, Stanley Hawley, Roy Hill, John E. Ohls, Earl Parker, A. W. Ritchie, and Arnold Rosing. Bollinger displayed a set of proof U.S. trade dollars.

Earl Parker sold 49 lots at auetion. Refreshments were served.

—Thelma Fieberling,
Reeording Sceretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB. — President Haldiman weleomed 77 persons, including seven guests, to the Sept. 23 meeting at Brea.

Two new members were admitted to the club.

Charles Ruby displayed his eollection of large cents, which contains 630 varieties, many in superb eondition. He spoke briefly about his collection which, like his half-cent collection, is one of the best in existence. At any rate, no finer display of this series ever has been shown at this club.

ANA slides, "Famous Women on Coins", were shown. Mary Coffman, one of the oldest club mem-

bers, explained each coin shown.

George Bennett, president of the Los Angeles Coin Club, told of preparations for the October convention at the Mayfair Hotel in his city. Two members, Karl Brainard and John Yribarne, gave reports on the Dallas ANA convention.

The coin auction was conducted by Joe Steele. Refreshments were served.

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Vice-President Harry Davidson presided at the 182nd regular monthly club meeting, which attracted 62 members and 13 guests, three of whom became members.

One of the visitors was Major Charles V. Kappen of San Jose, who returned recently from a tour of military duty in Korea, Formosa, and Japan. He spoke briefly about his military experiences in the Far East and particularly about Oriental numismatics.

Speaker of the evening was our well-known junior auctioneer, Adolph Larson, Jr., whose subject, "Mary Had A Little Lamb", proved to be a delightful discourse on the beginner's little coin collection which often forms the nucleus for creating great and outstanding collections as well as building great numismatists. Small collections which have stories to go with them, he said, are far more interesting than are large collections which are merely hit-or-miss accumulations without any distinction.

Joe Block reported on the coin exhibit at the Orange County Fair, and said it is estimated that more than 10,000 persons viewed the exhibit, which received a special award for hobby display.

Dr. C. L. Emmons called attention to the October convention meeting of the California State Numismatic Association, to be held at the Mayfair Hotel, Los Angeles.

After the refreshment period, Joe Steele conducted the regular auction with the usual success.

—Herb Bergen, Secretary.

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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—Edward Gans, Berkeley, addressed the 452nd club meeting Oct. 28 on "Portrait Coins of the Period of Alexander the Great and His Successors". Thirty members and 11 visitors attended the meeting held in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

Gans said we must consider Greece, not so much as a nation, but as a group of city states. He began his narrative with the rise of Macedon and Philip II, father of Alexander; recounted the exploits of Alexander and the latter's grand conception of one-world; spoke of the generals and others who sought to succeed Alexander and of the eventual distribution of power among Antigonus, Demetrius, Ptolemy, and others.

M. Vernon Sheldon, past president of the ANA, was introduced and spoke briefly about "Southern Collections". Following the ANA Dallas convention, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon visited many of the famous coin collections of Mexico, among them the Bank of Mexico and Mexico mint collections and collections in Monterey, Veracruz and Guadalajara.

The recent Los Angeles convention was reviewed by several members and plans were discussed for the 14th semi-annual CSNA convention in San Francisco April 22-25, 1954, at the Bellevue Hotel, Taylor and Geary Sts. The PCNS will be host. John Ohls explained that the "ILOW" thermometer will record donations to a fund to be used in defraying convention expenses. "ILOW", he said, means "in lieu of work". A goal of $300 has been set.

The meetings for November and December were advanced from the usual last Wednesday of the month because of holidays. On Nov. 18, coins and paper money of the British Commonwealth will be featured. Election of officers will take place at the Dec. 16 meeting.

Ancient coins exhibited: Clifford H. Bloom, gold stater of Alexander the Great; Edward Gans, coins of Alexander and his successors; Sidney J. Haas, ancient Greek coins; George F. Hodges, widow's mites of Herod the Great and Pontius Pilate, a drachm of Sinope and a coin of Rhodes.

Kurt E. Loret, representative exhibit of early Roman aes grave pieces, 350-217 B.C.; Mead Kilbey, tetradrachm of Syracuse, Agthokeles period, circa 310 B.C.; John E. Ohls,

a seleetion of ancients; Paul D. Snedaker, Roman bronze eoins; H. F. Bowker, Chuck Peters' string of 14th century Okinawa cash.

Other exhibitors were Bruno Crossfield, two-headed silver dollar; Frank X. Galvin, 1861 U.S. dime struck in brass and a gold 8-escudo coin of Peru, 1715; Rudy Gjurovieh, Confederate currency; Roy Hill, government-issue eoins of Greenland and **Numismatic History of Mexico** by Dr. A. F. Pradeau.

A. G. K. Jakobsen, colonial tokens; Earl A. Parker, inflation paper money of Hungary; David L. Redfield, Netherlands Antilles coins; and Al Smith, U.S. army campaign medals, U.S. and foreign silver and gold coins.

The Soeiety observed a moment of silencc in tribute to our late members, Chester H. Stow and David M. Bullowa. Earl Parker conducted the auction.

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Thc 451st meeting, held Sept. 30, was attended by 11 visitors and 32 members. Those present hcard resumes of activities of the ANA, ANS, and our own CSNA.

Progress was reported on the 14th semi-annual CSNA eonvention to be hcld in San Francisco April 22-25, 1954, with thc eentennial of "S" mint operations as a focal point.

Among visitors presented was Abe Kosoff, Beverly Hills. Kosoff, Edward Fogler, Dr. N. A. Bowers and Earl A. Parker reviewed the Dallas ANA convention. Doctor Bowers, CSNA presidcnt, spoke of the valuc of partieipation in numismatic gatherings. R. G. McArthur, CSNA secretary-treasurer, diseussed CSNA aetivities.

Exhibitors: Ken P. Allen, Clifford H. Bloom, Dr. N. A. Bowcrs, Lt. Comdr. H. F. Bowkcr, Roy Hill, Frank X. Galvin, A. G. K. Jakobscn, L. G. Lodgc, Kurt E. Lorct, John E. Ohls, Earl A. Parker, Arnold Rosing, Al Smith, and Paul D. Snedaker.

—Roy Hill, Recording Secretary.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE CLUB. — J. F. Rogers addressed the club Oct. 20 on "Coins of England from the Time of William the Conqueror through Henry VII, 1509". Theodore Reidel presided over the meeting, held in the Occidental Hotel.

Rogers spoke of the beauty of design and intrinsic pattern as well as of the values of the early English coins. Two highlights were silver pennies of the archibishops of Canterbury, which are very rare. The speaker said the penny was introduced in Kcnt during the reign of Aethelberht II, 748-762 A.D.

He told of the memorial coinagc struck by Danish settlers in East Anglia between 870 and 878 in tribute to Edmund, who was murdered in 870 for his refusal to renounce Christianity. That of St. Edmund is the earliest memorial coinage of saints struck by Danish settlers, a practice that was to become popular with them.

Joe DeBock, in Santa Rosa to attend the Grange convention, was a guest at the meeting. Other visitors werc Ethel V. Smith, Sonoma, and George Sterling and James Zuur, Santa Rosa.

Robert Hetland of the American Trust Co. was auctioneer.

—Alexandra W. Gahwiler,
Publicity Chairman.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB.—President O. L. Arnold spokc on "The Gold Standard" at the 64th club meeting, whieh was attended by 26 persons. A limited discussion followed the talk. It seemed for a short time that we were again on thc gold standard, bccause on display were so many beautiful gold eoins and ccrtifieates.

Fred Draper displayed all types of $20, $10, $5, $3, $2.50 and $1 gold pieces, including both types of thc 1796 $2.50 denomination.

Dr. Calvert L. Emmons exhibitcd a eomplete set of $1 gold pieces, types 1, 2 and 3, from 1849 to 1889 in plastic holders. Hc also showcd a 1907 wire edge St. Gaudens $20 gold piece, Roman numerals, and a 1915 proof set.

Charles Colver displayed an 1800 $10 gold pieec. O. L. Arnold exhibited a complete set of $2.50 Indian head gold pieces, type sets of Mexiean, Canadian and U.S. gold pieces and sevcral gold eertificates.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Yribarne played host to the 63rd meeting, which 30 persons attended.

Among guests introduced were Leoncl (Lew) Panosh, 1st vice-president of the ANA, and George Bennett, president of the Los Angelcs Coin Club. Panosh, Draper and Yribarne reported on the national ANA convention.

Draper presented the club with the second prize plaque won during National Coin Week. Bryan Burkc, Jr., received his individual award at this time, also.

On display were the prize-winning military decorations. Fred Draper exhibited a collection of Chinese coins.

Herb Feinberg explained procedures used in the recent burglary of his home, and advised members on better security methods and the manner in which the burglars were caught.

—A. B. Coon, Secretary.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. — The 197th meeting was held Oct. 5 at the YMCA, 1115 Eighth Ave. Arthur Vigneault presided, with 51 members and guests present. Lyle L. Gordon was welcomed into the society.

Harry Bouchard presented a program on the American Indian, and gave many interesting facts about the life and history of the Indians and what they used for money. He had on display several Indian relics, such as an urn he had found in the mountains. He presented information about the Indian in San Diego County.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Yribarne of Redlands.

President Vigneault appointed the following members to serve as a nominating committee: Leonel C. Panosh, chairman; Irving B. Knickerbocker, Eugene P. Cooper, and Ernest H. Lang, Jr.

Tom Ward and Leonel C. Panosh had exhibits. Eugene D. Johnston was in charge of the auction.

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Tom W. Ward of Fallbrook, better known as the "Hermit of Skunk Hollow", was speaker at the Sept. 14 meeting, attended by 45 members and guests.

Ward's topic was "The Origin and Development of the Roman Republican Coinage". He exhibited all appropriate specimens from pre-coinage bronze, the first heavy cast coins and their reductions, the Romano-Campanian pieces, and the general coinage down to the time of Sulla.

Three new members were welcomed into the society: Shirley J. Flood, Paul W. Johnson, and Douglas Fischer.

Leonel C. Panosh was congratulated by all present for his election as 1st vice-president of the American Numismatic Association.

Exhibits: F. C. Powell, almost complete set of half dollars; Arthur Vigneault, Mexican pesos and bus tokens; Irving B. Knickerbocker, commemorative half dollars; Mrs. Anna Merle Panosh, first place cup that she won at the ANA convention; Leonel C. Panosh, ANA convention badge; Francis S. Jones, type set of half dollars.

Dr. Bruce L. Wallace was in charge of the auction.

—Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB. — Twenty-four members and guests enjoyed a showing of the ANA series of ancient coin slides at the 85th club meeting in the DeAnza Hotel Nov. 2. Austen D. Warburton read the commentary.

C. V. Kappen and Roy Hill reviewed the Los Angeles and Tulsa conventions. Dr. N. A. Bowers, CSNA president, was present. Kappen conducted the auction. President Douglas Perham appointed Roy Hill chairman of a nominating committee. Election of officers will take place at the December meeting.

Vice-President George F. Hodges welcomed 23 persons, including two new members, John Lund and Eric Mohler, to the 84th meeting Oct. 5.

A brief talk on coin hoards was given by Lund, who had the great fortune to find an extensive hoard of gold coins some years ago in Portland, Ore., while excavating for a basement.

Exhibitors: Rudy Gjurovich, Abraham Lincoln gold tokens; Roy Hill, Russian copper and silver coins, a 1953 Canadian dollar, and army PX tokens up to $5 value from Manila; Charles V. Kappen, complete type set of U.S. quarter dollars including several fine proof specimens; Les Lodge, U.S. 50-cent pieces from circulation.

An auction conducted by Professor Kappen netted the club treasury $2.24.

—Syl C. Tully, Jr., Secretary.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

HERBERT M. BERGEN

Imagine starting a coin collection with a 1909S VDB Lincoln head cent! Sounds fantastic? Perhaps, but that is just what Herbert M. Bergen, Fullerton, did. To a boy, such an acquisition for coin No. 1 would be about the same as an adult beginning his collection by buying a St. Gaudens $20 Roman numeral gold piece, wire edge.

Bergen experienced no unusual quickening of the pulses, however, upon acquiring such a prized piece for his starter — he began his coin collection in 1909.

His collection has grown through the years, but his principal interest has remained with United States coins and coins of the Colonies. He has some foreign specimens, especially Chinese.

Born Sept. 7, 1897, in Delmont, South Dakota, Bergen moved with his parents to Orange, Calif., in 1898. He has resided in Orange county continuously since then, and in Fullerton since 1928.

He attended Orange schools and was graduated from the University of Michigan in the class of 1919.

His profession is consulting petroleum geologist and his avocation is farming.

Bergen recalls that as a boy he delivered the **Los Angeles Times** in Orange county. "That was in 1910," he says.

A veteran of World War I, he served as lieutenant, infantry.

"My collection was dormant while I was raising a family of two daughters and a son," Bergen relates.

Elected to the board of directors of the California State Numismatic Association last spring, Bergen is serving a first term.

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Members Directory Scheduled for March

An up-to-date directory of California State Numismatic Association members will be published in the March issue of **Calcoin News.** This will permit listing of the names of those members who pay dues after first of the year. Deadline for the directory will be publication deadline for the magazine, about Feb. 15. Those who have failed to pay 1953 dues by then will be dropped as delinquent from the CSNA membership rolls and their names will not appear in the directory.

The editor has a selfish motive in hoping that all members pay their dues by deadline. The CSNA directory is his best means of checking the spelling of names and of obtaining full names and addresses.

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THE COINS OF KOREA

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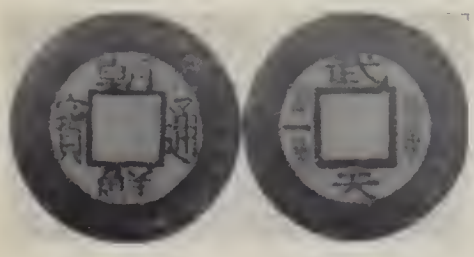
Here shown is a proofed **Cho Sun Tong Po** specimen. Although it bears characters of the piece of 1625 circa, it is not attributable to that period. The Koreans were not able to make proofs of such quality nor did they make coins in this style until after 1850. The reverse markings indicate that this is a product of one of the later mints; the Mwo Bi Sa Military Division Quarters in Seoul (LCC #22) — from the first furnace in the first group of furnaces. It may be a memorial-commemorative, since these reverse characters are also translatable to "Brave", "One" and "Heaven". (The brave (soldiers) go to their special reward). As easily it may have been an unauthorized toy. This coin has been seen by the writer. Its craftsmanship compares well with any of the best-proofed coins of this period, which lends support to — but does not prove — its authenticity.

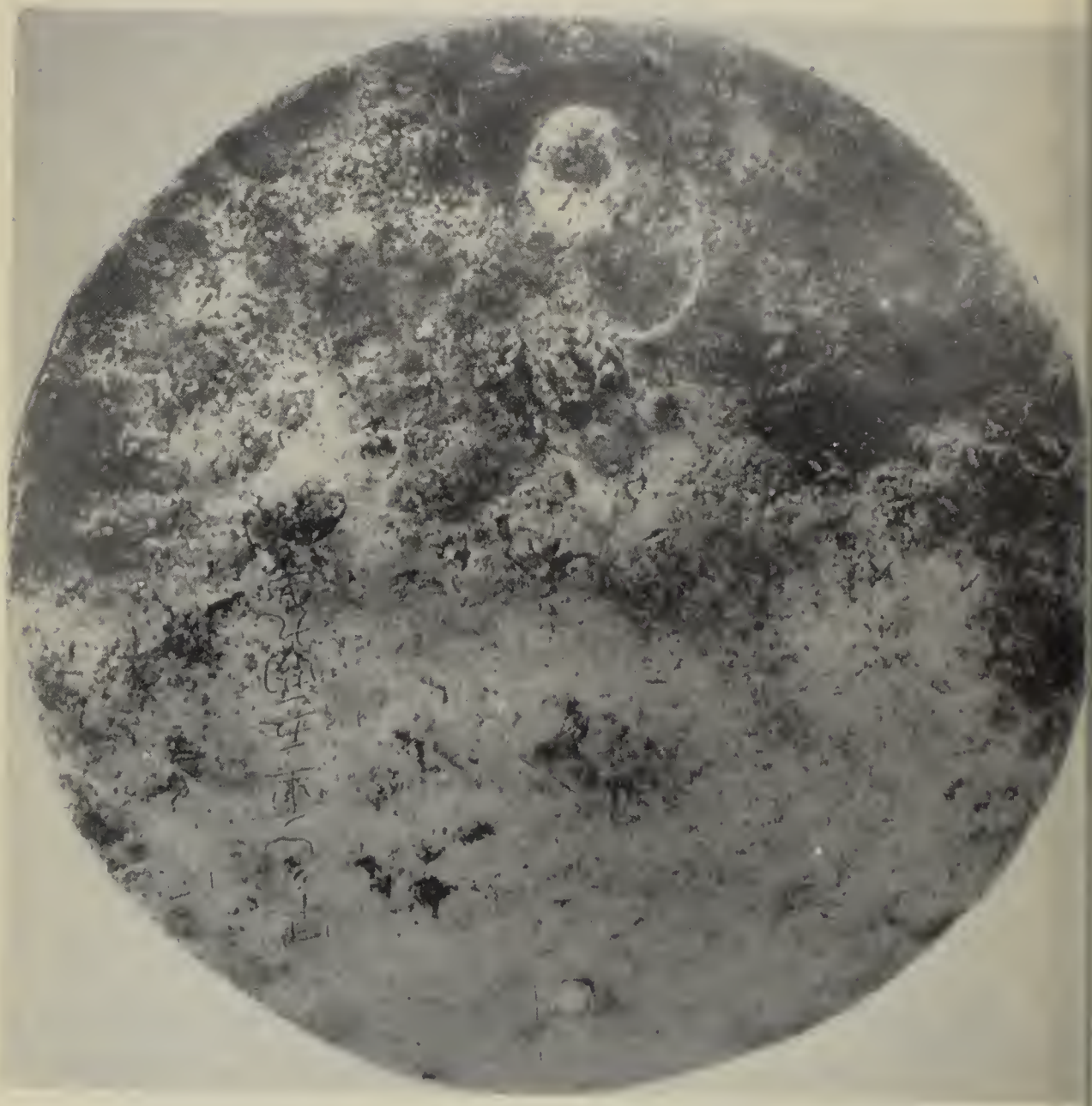


Ext. rare 25 mm.

At this point an interlude from Korea's definitive coinages will be appropriate. In place, a few of the coin-like objects which comprise an interesting part and a colorful flair in the life and history of the Koreans will be described.

(See next page)

This interesting specimen is **Military Plate Money** in silver. Finances either in the form of silver bars or in a form such as this were said to have been held in regimental treasuries of the Korean military services for war activities. The hole may possibly have been used for passing through a cord with which to hang the piece around the neck, to be worn by the commander with armor and other fineries in parades as an emblem of his body of troops. It was named **Eun Kwan** — "Silver Punched Through". Another variety of identical size exists which bears the inscription "New Regiment Weight 5.8 Yang and 5 Fun."



Inscription **"Military Color 5.9 Yang"**

132 mm.

(Reverse is Plain)

Coins had come to be used in Korean religious ceremonies and as tokens and charms, and with these purposes in mind, special amulet-pieces along the design of coins made their appearance. Placing a coin or charm with ceremony on the new baby for its future well-being, hanging of strings of attached coins and amulets, use as pocket souvenirs and any number of other quaint relationships involving coin-objects had taken a stout place indeed in the heart of Korean life and lore. Illustrated are but a few out of several hundred varieties. The first two are struck specimens which though not attributable to this period, are illustrated herewith regardless since none are assigned LCC numbers. The pungency of the inscriptions need not be commented upon.

"Use This Not In Thirst" (There is but) **"One Heaven"**

(Each one of us) **"Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters"** (are).

"Fish Leap" (but) **"DRAGONS ASCEND"**
(It behooves one to be a 'dragon' in one's endeavors).

(As the) **"Phoenix", Righteousness", "Sweet Seent"** (and) **"Temple"** (attendance).
(The four cardinal virtues).

"May the Prince of the East Live Ten Thousand Years: May the Sun and Moon Shine Brilliantly and Overflow the Universe; the Earth and Heavens are Full of Glorious Virtues; Long Life 'a Million'."

"May You Have Descendants for Ten Thousand Years: Ten Thousand Years of Peace in Heaven and Earth Without Having to Perform Any Laboring at Any Time."

Large Coin Charm

(Reduced from actual size)

Smaller-size charms of this type were made by punching holes in large-size coins and using them as a base. (See LCC numbers 2 and 3).

(See H. A. Ramsden's **Corean Coin Charms and Amulets**, Yokohama, 1913 and Frederick Starr's supplement thereto appearing in the **Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society of Japan**, 1917, for more complete information on this subject).

To return to coinages . . .

In 1886, the 3rd year of King Taie Won Kun, a spectacular Yopchon piece made its appearance. In order to provide funds for the rebuilding of the Kyong Pok Palace (The Summer Palace of the regent which was destroyed in the War of 1592), this coin was given the inscription "Great Hundred-Value". Unacceptable to the public because of this high over-valuing, minting stopped after a moderate number were made. The idea of centupling the value of a coin in base metal seems to have been borrowed from the successful Japanese hundred-value of some years earlier; the oval-shaped Tempo-Sen copper.

DAI TANG BYAK
(Great Hundred-Value), 1866

(Above) proof.

(Below) pewter pattern (very rare).

Characters read:

Sang Po Tong Pyung	Byak Tang Dai
LCC #58	39-40 mm.

It is noted that reverse character #1 (Dai) also indicates the "Great" Furnace in the Ho Cho (Treasury Department, Board of Revenue) mint.

As the later cast coinages drew toward their close, silver coins called "Umpyo" made their appearance in the 19th year of King Tai Won Kun (1882). Cast in three sizes from a supply of Chinese Syece (tub-shaped silver ingots), their initial coining consisted of larger-size pieces of which allegedly very few were manufactured before the diameter of each denomination was reduced approximately 2 millimeters. In the center of the reverse is the Treasury Dept.

of the B. of Revenue's mint mark embellished with cloisonne enamel (known in both blue and green). So famed were the Koreans in ceramics that even on their coinage is to be found an exponent thereof. These pieces bear crude reeding around the edges. The high cost of the enamel and the apparent reeding by hand prohibited manufacture in sufficient quantity to place in circulation, and they were disposed of through government channels to bullion buyers. A substantial quantity of the 1 and 2 Chon sizes were made. Patterns exist in copper without the enamel.

TAIE DONG IL CHON
(Great Eastern 1 Chon), 1882
LCC #59 21½ & 20 mm.

TAIE DONG YI CHON
(Great Eastern 2 Chon), 1882
LCC #60 28 & 26 mm.

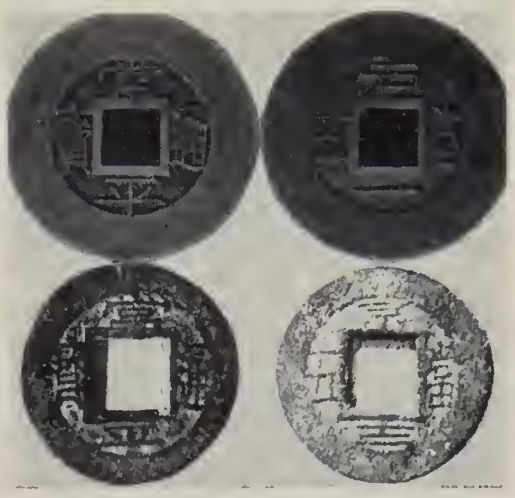
TAIE DONG SAHM CHON
(Great Eastern 3 Chon), 1882
LCC #61 scarce 34 & 32 mm.

Characters read: Taie Il Chon Yi Sahm Dong

The last variety in 1883 ends the story of the later cast coinages. This last copper was called Tang Oh (Quintuple-Value). Large-size Yopchon in 1883 was a sought-after item, and many found their way, if reluctantly, into circulation. Once in circulation these five-hundred-per-cent inflation pieces were given the same value (with the exception of in the vicinity of Seoul) as the large size Yopchon of old issue. Many counterfeits appeared. There were ten authorized mints which cast these coins.

Within a short time these five-value pieces were so reduced in size as to almost equal the 70-grain 1-value miniature. A product of these inferior castings is photographed in illustration.

TANG OH Yopchon
(Quintuple-Value), 1883



(Above) Proof.
(32 mm.)

(Below) Inferior casting of Tang Oh.
(28½ mm.)

Tang Oh Yopchon mint marks . . .			**Mark**	
LCC #62	Jun Won Kuk	Seoul Mint of the General Government	典	
LCC #63	Ho Cho	Treasury Dep't., Bd. of Revenue	戶	(Same as LCC # 4)
LCC #64	Pyung Yang Kam Yung	Military Station in Northern Korea	平	(Same as LCC # 7)
LCC #65	Kiun Yuk Chung	Land Tax Dep't., Bd. of Revenue	均	(Same as LCC #19)
LCC #66	Tong Wi Yung	General Military Office	統	(Same as LCC #27)
LCC #67	Kang Wha	Kang Wha Island	沁	(Same as LCC #30)
LCC #68	Chun Chyong	Provincial branch mint in Seoul	京	(Same as LCC #32)
LCC #69	Choen Chun	Township	川	(Same as LCC #39)
LCC #70	Choen Chun	Township	春	(Same as LCC #40)
LCC #71	Chang Duk Koeng	Township	昌	(Same as LCC #43)

In arriving at the eve of the history of the modern coins, we find that it was not one of great expectations. Coinage to the Koreans was an ambiguous word: it could mean a coin-charm to the farmer or an imported gold piece to a nobleman; to anyone it was a seemingly hopeless welter steeped in distrust and misunderstanding. Strange foreign coins and many counterfeits along with inconsistent government-authorized issues resulted in circulation of everything at bullion value regardless of inscriptions. The rising and inflammatory inflation demanded an immediate need for the introduction of modern struck coins, to be made solely by a government mint; the designs of such being sufficiently elaborate to prevent counterfeiting. With all the Orient being opened from hermitage, a suitable currency for foreign trade as well as alleviation of internal problems became a must. A desultory issue of a few hundred crudely struck pieces in 1889 was the response, but this is yet another story which will be handled in the account of the modern coins—which was unique in its precedent, weird in its path and vivid in its concatenated confusion.

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